

Edgar and sons will form own firm on the Plaza

John M. Edgar and his sons are leaving Humphrey Farrington McClain & Edgar PC to form the Edgar Law Firm LLC.

John M. Edgar, John F. Edgar, David Edgar and David Frank will remain at the 4520 Main St. location on the Plaza, where the Humphrey firm had an office.

The move, which the elder Edgar described as amicable, was based on geographic and practice differences with the Independence office. The deal was finalized Aug. 28.

“We just felt the core of our practice was different than the Independence office,” the senior Edgar said. “There is also a large geographic difference. We just felt it was a good opportunity and time to establish ourselves independently.”

The Independence branch of the Humphrey firm focuses on tobacco and asbestos cases, whereas the Plaza location specializes in business litigation and torts.

“It will be business as usual,” John F.

Edgar said. “We won’t miss a beat.”

Kenneth McClain, a partner at the Humphrey firm, said he enjoyed practicing with John M. and John F. Edgar.

“However, John Senior’s practice was focused in the Kansas City business community, and mine was focused on toxic torts nationwide, and the hope for integration between our practices had not materialized,” he said. “I wish them well.”

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